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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN AND MIN OF  
DEFENSE: F5-3 AIRCRAFT AGE AND SPARES

REF: ADDIS ABABA 12461 DTG 211501Z OCT 75

1. FONMIN CALLED ME IN NOV. 7. MOD WAS PRESENT.  
FONMIN OPENED WITH EXPRESSION OF DESIRE BY MOD AND  
HIMSELF TO RERAISE F5E AGE AND SPARES PROBLEM.  
FONMIN SAID THAT EPMG RECOGNIZES IT MUST TAKE REQUISITE  
ACTIONS TO ABSORB F5-E'S AND MAKE THEM OPERATIONAL  
WHETHER OR NOT AGE/SPARES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. SINCE  
MINISTERS'S LAST MEETING WITH ME, ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE  
(EAF) HAD BEEN ASKED COME UP WITH REALISTIC PROGRAM  
FOR PHASING IN OF F5-E AIRCRAFT. IT HAS DONE SO. MOD  
WOULD PRESENT IT TO CHMAAG. EAF'S PROPOSALS TAKE ITS  
OWN CAPABILITIES INTO MORE REALISTIC ACCOUNT.

2. MOD ADDED THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE HAD BEEN PUT  
ON EAF TO DO ITS HOMEWORK. EAF HAD BEEN ASKED VB  
UP WITH REALISTIC PROGRAM ALONG LINES MAAG'S PERTINENT  
SUGGESTIONS. HE HAD RECEIVED RESULTS THIS MORNING BUT  
HAD NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY STUDY EAF'S REPORT IN DE-  
TAIL. REPORT IS HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND EAF EAGER DIS-  
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CUSS IT WITH MAAG. REPORT DESCRIBED EAF'S CAPABILITY/  
DESIDERATA ABSORB F5-E AND EXTRAPOLATES SPARES AND AGE

REQUIREMENTS COMMENSURATE THEREWITH. MOD PROPOSED THAT EAF AND MAAG SHOULD GO OVER REPORT TO DECIDE ITS VALIDITY. IF CONTENTS OF REPORT SEEMED REALISTIC, MOD WOULD APPRECIATE AMB'S SUBMITTING SUBSTANCE TO WASHINGTON SO THAT USG AGENCIES CONCERNED MIGHT DETERMINE WHETHER AND HOW EPMG'S AGE/SPARES DESIDERATA MIGHT BE MET.

3. I TOLD FONMIN THAT WE HAD JUST RECEIVED LENGTHY, COMPLEX MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON ON F5-E/SPARES ISSUE (STATE 263507). CHMAAG IN PROCESS ABSORBING CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE. CHMAAG WOULD THEREFORE BE IN POSITION NOT ONLY EXAMINE EAF'S SUGGESTIONS BUT TO OFFER USG'S AS WELL. HOPEFULLY, THERE WOULD BE OVERLAP. IT WAS LEFT THAT MEETING WOULD BE CONVENED NOV. 8 OR 10. CHMAAG WILL REPORT OUTCOME.  
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